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Grant County Health Department Receives Sporadic Shipments of H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

The Grant County Health Department is currently receiving periodic shipments of H1N1 flu vaccine. Unfortunately, due to the type of vaccine being received and the number of doses being shipped, both availability of vaccine and eligibility for vaccine may change with little or no notice. Currently, efforts are focused on health care workers and those at very high risk for complications. It is expected that vaccine availability will improve greatly in the coming weeks. As larger shipments of vaccine arrive, regional clinics with substantial allocations of vaccine for each clinic are anticipated and will be announced and posted to the county website (www.co.grant.wi.gov). Until sufficient amounts arrive to hold regional clinics, vaccine will be administered to target populations from the Grant County Health Department located at 111 South Jefferson Street in Lancaster, Wisconsin as supplies allow. Grant County Health Department encourages interested individuals to inquire about availability and eligibility prior to seeking vaccine.

Grant County Health Department will update its website with availability, location, and eligibility information on a daily basis Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Grant County Health Department asks that individuals be patient and check in advance for information on availability and eligibility on the website, if possible, to avoid busy phone lines. The website can be accessed at www.co.grant.wi.gov. There is a quick link on the right for information on the availability of influenza vaccines.

Over 250 million doses of H1N1 vaccine have been ordered. This is nearly twice the amount ordered for a typical seasonal flu season. All H1N1 flu vaccine is being administered at no cost to the recipient. To date, most cases of H1N1 influenza have been mild to moderate in severity.

Seasonal influenza vaccine for children 6 months through 18 years of age is currently available and is given at the Health Department office and WIC / Health Check clinics as supplies last.

Grant County currently has a limited supply of adult seasonal influenza vaccine available at our office. We are encouraging those at greatest risk for complications as a result of seasonal influenza illness to get vaccinated at this time. This group includes the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions.

Visit the Grant County website (www.co.grant.wi.gov) for updates on influenza (seasonal and H1N1 vaccine.) Please call the Grant County Health Department at (608) 723-6416 for more information.